#### MINUTES OF THE

# HOUSE RETIREMENT AND INDEPENDENT ENTITIES STANDING COMMITTEE Room W020, State Capitol Complex

January 25, 2006

**Members Present:** Rep. Michael T. Morley, Chair

Rep. David Clark, Vice Chair

Rep. Neil A. Hansen Rep. Ann W. Hardy Rep. Karen W. Morgan Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold Rep. LaWanna Shurtliff

**Members Absent:** Rep. Ron Bigelow

Rep. Rebecca Lockhart

**Staff Present:** Mr. Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst

Mr. Dee S. Larsen, Associate General Counsel Ms. Barbara Bryner, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Rep. David Clark called the meeting to order at 12:53 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Shurtliff moved to approve the minutes of January 20, 2006. The motion

passed unanimously with Rep. Hansen, Rep. Morgan and Rep. Morley absent for

the vote.

# 1. H.B. 76 High Deductible Health Plan Option for Public Employees (Rep. B. Daw)

Rep. Daw proposed amendments.

MOTION: Rep. David Clark moved to adopt the following amendments:

- 1. Page 1, Lines 17 through 19:
  - 17 {→ prohibits the program from offering the high deductible health plan to any person
  - 18 who is covered by another health plan unless the other health plan is a similar high
  - 19 deductible health plan;

- 2. *Page 2, Lines 42 through 49:* 
  - 42 \{\frac{(2) \text{ In accordance with federal requirements and limitations, the program:}
  - 43 (a) may not offer the high deductible health plan to any employee or other person who
  - 44 <u>is covered by another health plan unless the other health plan is a high deductible</u> health plan
  - 45 with a federally qualified health saving account;
  - 46 (b) (2) (a) The program may not allow an employee to change from the high deductible health plan to
  - 47 <u>another health plan offered for employees more frequently than every three years; and</u>
  - 48 { (c) } (b) The program shall offer the federally qualified health savings account for medical expenses for
  - 49 each covered individual in the high deductible health plan.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Morgan and Rep. Morley absent for the vote.

Rep. Daw explained the amended bill to the committee.

Linn Baker, Director of Public Employees Health Plan, spoke to the bill.

Jennifer Cannaday, Blue Cross Blue Shield, spoke for the bill.

Dr. Joseph Jarvis, Utah Alliance for Health Policy Solutions, distributed a handout and spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed with Rep. Hansen, Rep. Morgan and Rep. Shurtliff voting against the motion.

Rep. Clark relinquished the Chair to Rep. Morley.

# 2. H.B. 224 Retirement System Participation (Rep. D. Clark)

MOTION: Rep. Clark moved to replace H.B. 224, Retirement System Participation (*Rep. D. Clark*), with 1st Substitute H.B. 224, Retirement System Participation (*Rep. D. Clark*). The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Clark explained the substitute bill to the committee with the assistance of Dennis Lloyd, Worker's Compensation Fund.

Robert Newman, Director of Utah Retirement System, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Morgan moved to pass the substitute bill out favorably. The motion passed

unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to place the substitute bill on the Consent Calendar. The

motion passed unanimously.

## 3. H.B. 269 Human Resource Management Amendments (Rep. D. Clark)

MOTION: Rep. Clark moved to adopt the following amendments:

- 1. Page 22, Lines 657 through 659:
  - the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Public Safety, the Public Service
  - Commission, the Department of Human Services, the State Tax Commission, the Department of Technology Services, the Department
  - of Transportation, any other major administrative subdivisions of state government, the State
- 2. Page 26, Lines 778 through 779:
  - 778 <u>Human Resource Management, Human Services, Insurance, Natural Resources, Public Safety, <u>Technology Services,</u></u>
  - and Transportation and the Labor Commission;
- 3. Page 40, Lines 1229 through 1230:
  - of Education, the Department of Natural Resources, <u>the Department of Technology</u>

    Services, the Department of Transportation, the
  - 1230 Department of Commerce, the Department of Workforce Services, the State Tax Commission,
- 4. Page 65, Line 2005:
  - 2005 Regents, the State Tax Commission, <u>the Department of Technology Services</u>, and the Department of Transportation.

The motion passed unanimously,

Rep. Clark explained the bill with the assistance of Jeff Herring, Department of Human Resources.

MOTION: Rep. Shurtliff moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed

unanimously.

## 4. H.B. 240 Public Safety Retirement Revisions (Rep. D. Clark)

Rep. Clark explained the bill to the committee.

Tom Hardy, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke against the bill.

The following people spoke for the bill:

Kelly Atkinson, Cops United Retirement (CURE) Kirk Allen, Fraternal Order Of Police Rob Timmerman, Utah Public Employee Association

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed

unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the Chair

adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Rep. Michael T. Morley, Chair